

# News Release



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## **Many Expected to Spend Labor Day Weekend in State Parks**

*Award-Winning Documentary on California State Parks Set to Premier*

Families in search of one last summer adventure are snatching up campsites at California's state parks in record numbers. Campgrounds are filling-up fast. If you are planning on enjoying the outdoors this Labor Day weekend, it's time to act and act quickly.

Labor Day weekend is the third busiest camping weekend of the year and the traditional end of the peak summer camping season. The number of nights booked in state park campgrounds over Labor Day weekend has already surpassed previous years, and total reservations are on pace to top out well above 10,000. The popular beach parks are already mostly full, with the exception of a few single-night stays still available. If you're looking for a campground to spend the weekend, State Parks recommends trying the many lakes and riverfront parks with boating, fishing and swimming opportunities for best availability.

Click [here](#) to see which parks still have availability for Labor Day weekend. Reservations for all parks, including those temporarily operated by other government agencies, non-profits, or concessionaires continue to be made through Reserve America. To make reservations call 1-800-444-7275 or visit Reserve America's [website](#).

For those interested in learning more about the state park system, its fascinating history, and where it might be heading in the future, public television stations across the country are set to premier the documentary feature *California Forever*. The program takes an in-depth look at California's state parks from 1864 to the present day.

Produced by Backcountry Pictures with Oscar-nominated director/writer David Vassar, producer Sally Kaplan, and cinematographer Christopher Tufty, the program won a number of regional and environmental film festival honors in the run up to its broadcast premiere. An Official Selection at the International Wildlife Film Festival, *California Forever* received the award for Best Educational Program in 2011. It was also selected for screenings at the 2011 American Conservation Film Festival, the 2012 Wild & Scenic Film Festival, and the 2012 Environmental Film Festival of Washington, D.C. The two-part, two-hour television special will air on PBS stations beginning in September.

California Air Dates:

Eureka (KEET): Part 1 & 2, Friday, Oct. 12, 9 – 11 p.m.

Fresno (KVPT): Part 1 & 2, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 9 – 11 p.m.

Los Angeles (KOCE): Part 1 & 2, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 9 – 11 p.m.

Monterey-Salinas (KQET): Part 1 & 2, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 9 – 11 p.m.

Orange County (KOCE): Part 1 & 2, Saturday, Sept. 8, 8 – 9 p.m.

Redding (KIXE): Part 1 & 2, Friday, Oct. 12, 9 – 11 p.m.

Sacramento (KVIE): Part 1, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.; Part 2, Wednesday Sept. 19, 8 p.m.

San Diego (KPBS): Part 1 & 2, Thursday, Sept. 20, 9 – 11 p.m.

San Francisco (KQED): Part 1 & 2, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 9 – 11 p.m.

*Times are subject to change. Check local listings.*

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